

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated March 18, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 11 and 12 are allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-12 are presently pending for consideration in this application.

All Claims Comply With 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More particularly, claim 1 has been held indefinite because compounds H1 to H-9 are not commensurate in scope with chemical formula (2) which defines the compounds. By way of the foregoing amendment to claim 1, compounds H1 to H-9 have been deleted from claim 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1, as amended is

definite. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

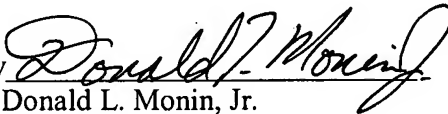
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-2353. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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